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"Islands, Castles & Portable Operations"
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12/06/2015: During the weekend 12-14th June, the Radio Club Belgradois, ON3NMR, will be activating the Italian Canteen, valid for the Mining Basins Award. QSL: EURAO QSL via F.R.A., PO Box 1630, B-1000 Brussel, Belgium. Website: www.on3nmr.be/ [UBA HF News]

12/06/2015: Bo, OZ1DJJ, will once again be active as OX3LX from the former U.S. radio station, commonly referred to as Bluie West 3 (BW-3), Simiutaq Island (IOTA NA-220), at the mouth of Kangerlussuaq Fjord, between 12-19th June. Activity will be on the HF bands. Simiutaq Island is good for the Arctic Challenge. QSL via OZ1PIF direct (QRZ.com). Logs will be uploaded to LoTW, Club Log and eQSL. [OPDX Bulletin]

12/06/2015: EDR Mors-Nordthy Radio Club OZ7MOR have planed the Summerevent of 2015 with radio activation. This year it will be from Draaby Vig (Dråby Vig) Nature reserve (WWFF OZFF-0117), island of Mors (EU-171, OZI/DIA NJ-002). Find many callsign on many band in the air. The activation will start at Friday evening and finnish Saturday approx noon. QSL via home calls, direct or bureau. [OZ7AEI]

13/06/2015: Look for Invoker Team members, Gil, F4FET/p and Vincent, F4BKV/p to be active from Cordouan Island (EU-159, DIFM AT-032, WLOTA 0271) during the weekend of 13-14th June. Activity will be limited to mornings only. QRV on 40, 20, 17 and 15 metre SSB, using battery power and verticals. QSL via home calls, direct or bureau. [DX-World]

13/06/2015: Dragan, YT2KID will be active on the 13th of June 2015 from Kurvingrad Castle (WCA/CISA YU-00009) located near of the town Doljevac in honor of lazarus Ljubileja 626 years of the city Krusevac Vidovdan. He plans to work as YT2KID/p on 40, 20 and 17 metre SSB. QSL via home call, bureau or direct. [RN1CW]

14/06/2015: Look for Gordon, G3USR to be active as PA/G3USR/p from the island of Schouwen Duiveland (EU-146, WLOTA 3089, Grid Loc. JO11) between 14-16th June. Predominantly a 6 metre (50Mhz), IOTA activation, with some HF should 6m be closed. Gordon's location is within the area of Oosterschelde National Park (WWFF PAFF-0015). QSL via home call, direct only (see QRZ.com). [rsgbiota.org]

14/06/2015: Imam, YB4IR will be active from Biak Island (IOTA OC-147) as YB4IR/9 between 14-17th June. QRV on 40-10 metre CW and SSB. QSL via OQRS, direct or bureau. [YB4IR]

15/06/2015: Massimo, IZ4DPV will be active from Sao Vicente Island (AF-086, WLOTA 1976), Cape Verde, from 15-22 June 2015 as D4C. QRV on 80-10 metres. QSL via home call, direct or bureau. [ATDX]

16/06/2015: John, WA4PSO and Sean, N5PV will be active from the Radio Reef rental shack (KP2M), nr Christiansted, island of St. Croix (USi VI002S, WLOTA 2477), US Virgin Islands (NA-106) between 16-23 June, 2015. QRV

holiday style all bands using CW, SSB and Digital modes. QSL both calls via N5PV and LoTW. [DX-World]

16/06/2015: Reports indicate that Marenga, PU0FDN might be active from St Peter & St Paul Rocks (SA-014, DIB OC-03, WLOTA 0003, WWFF PYFF-0064) as PY0S/PU0FDN between 16-21 June. QSL ONLY VIA DIRECT $2.00 USD + SASE. Update to follow.. [DX-World]

17/06/2015: Zsolt, HA8PX has planned a holiday activity from Mellieha, Malta (EU-023, MIA MM-001, WLOTA 1113), from 17-27th June. Equipment: FT-897, 100W, MP-1 GP antenna and Auto tuner. QSL via home call, direct only (QRZ.com). [rsgbiota.org]

17/06/2015: Waldi, SP7IDX will be active as LA/SP7IDX from the Vannoya Islands (IOTA EU-046) between 17-27th June. Activity will be holiday style (fishing trip and work) on 80-10 metre SSB and RTTY. Equipment an IC7100 + PA + HEXBEAM + inv-L for 80-40m. QSL via the Bureau. Depending on the Internet access availability; logs will be available on LoTW and Clublog. [OPDX Bulletin]

17/06/2015: Franc, VE7DP/7 and Klaus, VE7KDU/7 are planning a 3-day activation from NA-181, some time between 17-30th June. The Estevan Islands are located 130 Km from the nearest accessible town and the actual date and success of this activation is contingent on reasonably calm sea conditions suitable for boat travel. QRV on 40-15 metre CW and SSB. Further updates to follow. [DX-World]

18/06/2015: After his recent activity from Schouwen Duiveland Island, Gordon G3USR will activate Texel Island (EU-038, WLOTA 0043, Grid Loc. JO23), National Park Duinen van Texel [Dunes of Texel] (WWFF PAFF-0012), between 18-21 June. Focus will be on 6 metres, using the callsign PA/G3USR/p. Some HF activity is 6 metres is not open. QSL via home call, direct only QTHR. [rsgbiota.org]

18/06/2015: Imam, YB4IR plans activity as YB4IR/9 from Ram Island (IOTA OC-239) from 18-22 June. Look for Imam on 40-10 metre CW and SSB. QSL via home call, Club Log OQRS, direct or bureau. [YB4IR]

LOOKING AHEAD -

22/06/2015: Wayne, VK5APN is once again travelling for work, this time to decommission a Radio Studio. "Traveling to Pt Augusta that is in PF87, but have been QRV from there before. It is close to PF97 so will QRV in that new grid on 22-23 June. Have 2 moon passes whilst there, but as it is winter and I operate outside, could be wet, windy and cold. So have 2 days to be QRV if wx not kind to me on first day. Moon conditions not the best and work during daytime, so only Moon Set after evening meal. 144.130 1st." QSL via home call, direct only. Webpage to be updated with new grid info at: www.vk5apn.com/PortableEME.html [MMMonVHF]

24/06/2015: Hide, JI1AVY and Sei, JA7LU will be active as 4W//homecalls from Timor Leste (OC-148, WLOTA 0019) between 25-29th June. QRV on 160-6 metre CW, RTTY and SSB. They realise 80 and 160m will be difficult this time of year but will attempt and effort. QSL 4W/JA7LU via home call, direct only (Seihachi Suzuki, 2-5-9 Kaga, Kashiwa-shi 277-0051, Japan) - NO BURO. QSL 4W/JI1AVY via home call, direct or bureau and LoTW. [DX-World]

02/07/2015: Gabor, HA1YA will activate KN20HS Thassos [Thasos] Island (EU-174, GIOTA NAS-037, MIA MG-124, WLOTA 4186) again from 2-13 July, using

the callsign SW8YA. Holiday type operation on HF-50-70-144-432 with focus on tropo, MS, Es and EME on 2m. QSL via home call, direct only (see QRZ.com). Website: www.ha1ya.hu/ [MMMonVHF]

11/07/2015: Look for OJ0S to be active on all bands and modes from Market Reeef (EU-053, WWFF OHFF-0038) and lighthouse (ARLHS MAR-001, WLOTA 0542, Admiralty C4472) from 11-18th July, 2015. Operators include Kee OH0NA, Gey OH0GG, Maria OH0FM (YL), Leif OH0LO and Kjell OH0KXJ. QSL via operators' instructions. [ATDX]

13/07/2015: Look for Gabor, HA1YA to be QRV as SW8YA from Samothraki Island (EU-174, GIOTA NAS-032, WLOTA 4166, WWFF SVFF-0044) between 13-22 July. HF to 70cm holiday style activity, with focus on 2m Tropo, Es, MS and EME. Ant: Windom and GP on HF, 4ele 4/6m, 2x10ele 2m, 12el 70cm, legal power. QTH 50m from the sea Paleopoli (WW Loc. KN20SM), nice take off except South direction. ON4KST chat activity. Activity also counts for Natura 2000 - Samothraki-Zourafa island (WWFF SVFF-0044). QSL direct only to HA1YA. Expedition website: www.ha1ya.hu/ [MMMonVHF]

26/07/2015: The UBA section RSX and the French radioclub F5KFL are planning a Belgian-French expedition from 26 July 2015 until 02 August 2015 to commemorate their 22 years of friendship. This expedition will be the 11th gathering and takes place in Saint Sauveur in the province of Hainaut (West Belgium). About 20 Belgian and French operators will be QRV on all HF and VHF bands with several stations in SSB, CW and Digital modes with the special callsign OS22F. OS: special prefix, 22: 22 years we are twin radioclubs, F: "Friends". Their QTH is located on a reference ON Flora Fauna: "Natural Park of the Hills" located in the "Pays des Collines" (WWFF ONFF-0218). QSL via the bureau is preferred. Website: www.on4rsx.net/ [UBA HF News]

09/08/2015: For Perseids 2015 the EI9E team will travel to Achill Island (EU-115) in Co. Mayo and operate from IO43XW square from 9-13th August. "We will try to reconnoitre a site in nearby IO44 which we may activate if successful. Although we will be portable we will use the callsign EI9E." QRV on 50-70-144 MHz TR-MS. QSL via the IRTS Bureau (www.irts.ie/cgi/qsl.cgi). [MMMonVHF]

15/08/2015: South African operators Grant ZS1GS, Liz ZS1XS, Ash ZS1ASH and Mari ZS1MW plan activity as ZS1FUN from Dassen Island (AF-064, WLOTA 0423) during the weekend of 15/16th August 2015. The team say they expect bad weather, but only dangerous sea conditions will prevent them from reaching the island. QRV on all HF bands. QSL direct zs1fun.sa[at]gmail.com [DX-World]

20/09/2015: Fumi, JF2SQB reports that he will be active as T88QB on 20-22 September 2015 from Koror Island, Republic of Palau (OC-009). QRV on all HF bands using CW, SSB and Digital modes. QSL via home call, direct or bureau. [DX-World]

24/09/2015: Kazu, M0CFW will once again be active as MJ0CFW from the isle of Jersey (EU-013, WLOTA 0818) between 24-29th September. Activity will also include a Single-Op/All-Band/Low-Power entry in the CQWW DX RTTY Contest (26-27 September). Outside the contest look for Kazu on all HF bands, various modes. QSL both calls via Club Log OQRS or LoTW. [NG3K]

30/10/2015: Oliver, W6NV will be active from St. Helena Island (AF-022, WLOTA 1488) at the end of October as ZD7N (call pending). Primarily QRV for CQWW DX SSB Contest (24-25 October) as a Single-Op/All-Band entry, CQ zone

36. QSL via home call, direct (Oliver Sweningsen, P.O. Box 90, Orinda, CA 94563, USA) or LoTW. [DX-World]

06/11/2015: Oliver, W6NV will once again be active as ZD8W from Ascension Island (AF-003, WLOTA 1491) between 6th November and 4th December. Activity also during CQWW DX CW Contest. QRV holiday style outside of the contest on all HF bands. QSL via home call, direct (Oliver Sweningsen, P.O. Box 90, Orinda, CA 94563, USA) or LoTW. [DX-World]

23/11/2015: Seppo, OH1VR and Henri, OH3JR will be active as PJ5/homecall from the island of Saba (NA-145, WLOTA 2043) between 23 November and 2 December 2015. QRV on the HF bands, also participation in CQWW DX CW Contest (28-29 November). QSL via home calls, direct or bureau. [DX-World]

28/11/2015: Emilio, IZ1GAR plans a Single-Op/Single-Band (80m)/High-Power entry in the CQWW DX CW Contest (28-29 November) using the callsign IH9R from the island of Pantelleria (AF-018, IIA H001, MIA MI-124, WLOTA 0041), CQ zone 33. QSL via IZ1GAR direct and LoTW. [NG3K]

28/11/2015: Balkan Contest Group members Plamen LZ1DCW, Nick LZ1NK, Nick LZ3ND, Krasi LZ2UW, Angel LZ4AE, Aleko LZ3ZZ and Mustafa TA2TX will be active as TC0A for the CQWW DX CW Contest (28-29 November) from Bozcaada Island (AS-099, WLOTA 0085), Asiatic Turkey. Plans are for a Multi-2 entry from CQ zone 20. QSL via LZ5X and LoTW. Look for activity before and after the contest. Further info and updates at www.lz5x.com/ [NG3K]

SPECIAL EVENTS -

12/06/2015: A YL-team from Scandanavian YL Radio Amateurs (SYLRA) will be active from Reykjavik and west coast Iceland as TF3SYL and TF2SYL from 12-15th June 2015. There will be a portable setup, 100W rig and temporary antennas. QRV on HF bands, CW and SSB. The callsign in the Reykjavik area is TF3SYL but during the trip to the West coast we have entered antother district so the callsign there will be TF2SYL. QSL via TF3VS. Webpage: www.tf.sylra.is/ [DX-World]

13/06/2015: Members of the Radio Club of Waterloo (ON7WR) commemorate the Battle of Waterloo with the call OO200WTO. QRV mainly on 13/14th June and 20/21 on CW and SSB; between 22-30 June on CW, RTTY, and PSK. QSL via ON7WR, bureau preferred. [DX Newsletter]

15/06/2015: From 15th June until 15th July, you will find on air special callsign AO10EURAO celebrating the 10th anniversary of EURAO. It is sponsored by its member association Federacion Digital EA, EA3RKF. QSL via direct with SAE with 1 IRC to: FEDI-EA - P.O. Box 3050 - 08200 Sabadell (SPAIN). Website: www.fediea.org/ [EURAO]

U.S.A. Special Event Stations can be found at:
www.arrl.org/contests/spev.html

LIGHTHOUSE CALENDAR -

12/06-13/06 F/G3TTC/P: Porquerolles Island WLOTA:1107 QSL H/c (d)
12/06-15/06 TF2SYL: Iceland WLOTA:2975 QSL TF3VS (d/B)
12/06-15/06 TF3SYL: Iceland WLOTA:2975 QSL TF3VS (d/B)
13/06-14/06 F4BKV/P: Cordouan WLOTA:0271 QSL H/c (d/B)
13/06-14/06 F4FET/P: Cordouan WLOTA:0271 QSL H/c (d/B)
14/06-16/06 PA/G3USR/P: Schouwen Duiveland Island WLOTA:3089 QSL H/c (d)
15/06-22/06 D4C: Ilha de Sao Vicente WLOTA:1976 QSL IZ4DPV (d/B)
16/06-23/06 KP2/N5PN: St. Croix Island WLOTA:2477 QSL H/c (d)

16/06-23/06 KP2/WA4PSO: St. Croix Island WLOTA:2477 QSL N5PV (d)
16/06-21/06 PY0S/PU0FDN: St Peter & St Paul Islands WLOTA:0003 QSL H/c (d)
17/06-27/06 9H3PX: Malta Island WLOTA:1113 QSL HA8PX (d)
18/06-21/06 KL2HD/P: Adak Island WLOTA:1258 QSL H/c (d)
18/06-21/06 KL7NWR/P: Adak Island WLOTA:1258 QSL KL2HD (d)
18/06-21/06 PA/G3USR/P: Texel Island WLOTA:0043 QSL H/c (d)

6 METRES & UP -

13/06-14/06 SKCC Weekend Sprintathon 6m class 13 1200z-14 2359z
13/06-15/06 ARRL June VHF Contest 6m & Up 13 1800z-15 0259z
13/06-22/07 V47JA: St. Kitts NA-104 Grid:FK87pg 6m SSB QSL W5JON (d)
14/06 RSGB 2nd 144MHz Backpackers 0900z-1300z
14/06-15/06 DDFM 50MHz Contest All Mode 14 1600z-15 1600z
14/06-15/06 Championnat de France TVA 432MHz & Up 14 1800z-15 1200z
14/06-16/06 PA/G3USR/P: Schouwen Duiveland EU-146 Grid:JO11 6m QSL H/c (d)
16/06 LY 1.3GHz Activity Contest CW/SSB/FM/Open 1700z-2059z
16/06 NRAU 1.3GHz Activity Contest SO/MO/Open 1800z-2200z
16/06 SPAC 1.3GHz Contest CW/Phone/Open 1800z-2200z
16/06 RSGB 1.3GHz UKAC SO Fixed/Open 1900z-2130z
18/06 SPAC 70MHz Contest CW/Phone/Open 1800z-2200z
18/06-21/06 PA/G3USR/P: Texel Island EU-038 Grid:JO23 6m QSL H/c (d)

Contest Calendar: www.qsl.net/va3rj/con_jun.html

Information about current VHF activities can be found on the VHF DX portal "Make More Miles on VHF" at: www.MMMonVHF.de/

SMIRK: www.smirk.org/
SOTA (Summits On The Air) Watch Alerts at: www.sotawatch.org/

QSL INFO -

QSLs via Bureau: ZY8D [SA-072]

QSLs via Direct: 5V7BD (DJ6SI), AX8AA (M0OXO), C6AMM (K1CN), CX7BBR (EA6SK), E30FB (M0URX), FM4LV (W3HNK), J6/DL7VOG (DL7VOG/OQRS), J87GU (DL7VOG/OQRS), JA0JHQ/VK9X (H/c), K1N (N2OO/OQRS), OE15M (OE1WHC), T88GI [OC-296] (I1SNW/OQRS), T88XX [OC-296] (K9AJ) and YB7AM/p [OC-269] (YB4IR).

QSLs via LoTW: 3B9FR, 5W0JY, 7Z1HL, 9V1SV, A61BM, A71AE, A71EM, A92AA, A96A, AT150ITU, CE2MVF, CT3EE, EA5DNO, EG8TRV, EI70U, ET3AA, EV14, FS/K9EL, HS7BHK, II2EXPO, IE9B, J38NN, JW5ZLA, K4AB, K4HAL, KC4HW, KG4CUY, KY4F, N4KG, N4NM, NP2P, OA4SS, OE0ESC, P4/N4QS, PA4WM, PJ2T, PW0F, R120N, TA4ED, TA5FA, TR8CA, UF5F, VK100ANZAC, WQ5L/4, XM9NC, XV4Y, YB4IR/7, YB8QF/p, YB8TK, YF1AR/2 and YF1AR/7.

BITS & PIECES -

NEWS FROM MARKET REEF, OJ0B

Aland Islands
11 June 2014

The OJ0B DXpedition with an emphasis on 2M EME and MS is turning into a great success story with more than 250 QSOs in the books. The operation will continue until next Monday, still shooting straight at the surface of the moon. For participating HF DXers, it is quite a thrill and an eye-opener to realize that instead of radio propagation, not only a Market Reef moon over the horizon is needed but also a U.S. moon and a Japan moon.

And when the moon is gone, the meteor scatter mode can be used; thus there are pileups all over the place - the moon and the meteors and even 6M sporadic-E are operational although not much is heard so far. A lot of new high tech and new terminology for HF people to swallow, with signals often inaudible below the noise floor. HF guys are asking whether there is DQRM on the surface of the moon surface. Only the 2M team of OH6ZZ and OH8MSM will know.

So here's is the link to those who were shooting right at the moon, plus Jussi, OH6ZZ who is in charge of the historic 2M outing:

<http://www.majakkaseura.fi/fin/market/marketin_paivakirja_2015/viikko_24/>

And this is the Honor Roll:

First Ten, World: IK1UWL, SP4K, UA3PTW, ON4AOI, I3MEK, PE1L, OH2BC, DL1RPL, IK3MAC, HA8CL

First Ten, USA: K9MRI, NT0V, WA4NJP, K1OR, W6BBS, N9HF, AA4SC, KB8RQ, K5QE, K6EME

On HF the focus has been largely on 10 MHz because HF propagation has not been favorable. Part of the team will change on Saturday as Martti, OH2BH and Kim, OH6KZP will land on the rocks bringing more SSB and RTTY activity to those who Deserve. Pekka. OH2TA and Niko, OH2GEK will return to Aland Islands. The weather has been nice and the tag team was able to repair the damaged structures and the beam. The station is fully operational at present and from now on.

OQRS will be delayed as EME QSOS are logged on paper and the PC screen is busy with multiple applications.

Stay tuned for OJ0B for all kinds of odd modes and transmissions. It is sunny on Market Reef - the season's record temperatures are expected for this Saturday.

QSL via OH2BH

EURAO Party - Spring 2015: have fun, go portable
The European Radio Amateurs' Organization, together with the Amateur Radio Portable Operators Club, announce a new party on the air, this time with the motto: "have fun, go portable". Remember this is not a contest, it is just a radio meeting with a few simple 'rules', better to call them recommendations.
The party will be held the weekend of 20-21 June, 2015.
Full information at: www.eurao.org/en/node/690 [EURAO]
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73 and Good DX!
Dave Raycroft, VA3RJ
Home of I.C.P.O. & VEFF Program: www.qsl.net/va3rj/
Note: My website is constantly updated and will often show activity that did not make it in time for the I.C.P.O. Bulletin, and last minute announcements. My DX Calendar page is a good place to start to find updated information between bulletins.
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